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Dear Chairman Powell

Please do not make the Universal Service Fee a flat tax on my phone bill.

My wife and I senior citizen who need a phone for local calls only. As it is we joke about the monthly tax bill (our phone bill) each month the telephone company gets \$5.55 for the phone service provided. Taxes collected add \$9.96 to the bill. Please don't increase this monthly tax burden.

We also have a pre-paid cell phone for emergency use only and are concerned that the proposed changes will impact the cost of that service as well.

Again, please don't raise the tax burden of those that can least afford it. Our phones are for local and emergency use and we can't afford to pay more in taxes to keep these life-line services.

Thank you for your consideration.

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